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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, which requires a restriction election to be made between the following:

- A): Species of Figure 4;
- B): Species of Figure 5;
- C): Species of Figure 6;
- D): Species of Figure 7;
- E): Species of Figure 8; and
- F): Species of Figure 9.

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This restriction requirement is hereby respectfully traversed, according to the arguments presented below.

The "Species of Figure 4" is elected in order to be responsive to this restriction requirement, although it is asserted that the Figures do not represent distinct species that should be separately

examined. Independent claims 1, 18, and 28, and all the claims that depend therefrom, are readable upon Figure 4.

The remaining independent method claims and the claims that depend therefrom impliedly read upon the "Species of Figure 4" and it is respectfully requested that these claims also be examined.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Application, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (415) 772-1200.

Respectfully submitted,



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